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Netherlands Patent 9302251

SU Patent 1331660

SU Patent 1421540

Japanese Patent Publication 05301298

United States Patent 4,242,296 (cited by Applicants)

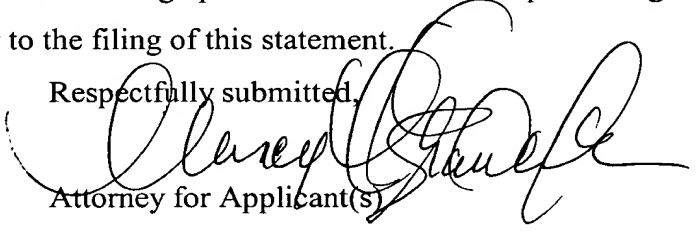
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